

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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Project Applicant: Monterey County Resource Management Agency – Melanie Beretti

Applicant's Agent: Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc. – Josh Harwayne

Project Name: Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project

Receiving Water: Carmel River and Carmel Lagoon

City/County: Carmel-By-The-Sea / Monterey

Public Notice: July 22, 2019 – August 12, 2019

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the natural and historic functions of the Carmel River and Carmel Lagoon while improving flood management and mitigating floodplain habitat loss.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing approximately 1,470 linear feet of non-structural earthen levees on the south side of the Carmel River;
- Grading approximately 102 acres;
- Grading to elevate approximately 23 acres of existing farmland;
- Replacing SR 1 roadway embankment with a 360-foot long causeway section;
- Reconnecting 102 acres of historic floodplain; and
- Implementing a Restoration Management Plan.

Proposed Mitigation:

Creating wetland and streambed.

Restoring and enhancing riparian zone.

The County of Monterey filed an Environmental Impact Report on March 8, 2019.